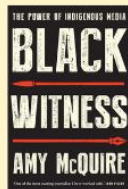


Title: Always Will Be
Author: Mykaela Saunders
Published: 2024
Adult Fiction

Each of the stories in *Always Will Be* is set in its own future version of the Tweed. In one, a group of girls plot their escape from a home they have no memory of entering. In another, two men make a final visit to the country they love as they contemplate a new life in a faraway place. Saunders imagines different scenarios for how the local Goori community might reassert sovereignty - reclaiming country, exerting full self-determination, or incorporating non-Indigenous people into the social fabric - while practising creative, ancestrally approved ways of living with changing climates.



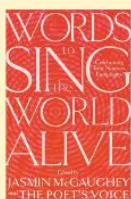
Title: Black Witness
Author: Amy McQuire
Published: 2025
Adult Non-Fiction

A searing indictment of the media's failures in reporting Indigenous affairs - and a powerful corrective that shows how Black journalism can pave the way for equality and justice. From one of this country's leading Indigenous journalists comes a collection of fierce and powerful essays proving why the media need to believe Black witnesses and showcasing ways that journalism can be used to hold the powerful to account and make the world a more equitable place.

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2025 Reading List

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Title: Words to Sing the World Alive
Editor: Jasmin McGaughey
Published: 2024
Adult Non-Fiction

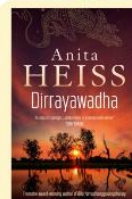
Forty First Nation writers and thinkers, journalists and lawyers, artists and astronomers come together to reveal their favourite and significant words.

Words that evoke the power of childhood and the wonder of Country; that explore the essence of mother, of fire, of time. Words that are imbued with family and belonging, and that surprise with their connections.



Title: A Good Kind of Trouble
Author: Brooke Blurton, Melanie Saward
Published: 2025
Teen Fiction

It's funny how your life changes. I used to be worried about playing footy and whether my first kiss would be with a boy or a girl. I used to worry about having enough time after school and putting my little cousins to bed to go for a run with my best friend Loz and whether she'd ever look at me the way she looks at my brother Poss. But a new girl came to school and there's something about her ... I suddenly got the courage to stand up to our history teacher about teaching our true history with books written by blackfollas. And somehow she did too!



Title: Dirrayawadha
Author: Anita Heiss
Published: 2024
Adult Fiction

Bathurst, 1820s
 Miinaa was a young girl when the white ghosts first arrived. She remembers the day they raised a piece of cloth and renamed her homeland 'Bathurst'. Now she lives at Cloverdale and works for a white family who have settled there. The Nugents are kind, but Miinaa misses her miyagan. Her brother, Windradyne, is a Wiradyuri leader, and visits when he can, bringing news of unrest across their ngurambang. Miinaa hopes the violence will not come to Cloverdale.



Title: Trouwerner
Author: Patsy Cameron, Martin Flanagan
Published: 2025
Adult Non-Fiction

Trouwerner is an inviting yarn between Elder Aunty Patsy Cameron, the 28th Tasmanian Governor Kate Warner, and journalist Martin Flanagan. It weaves through the coming-into-being time, Trouwerner's colonisation and the lies of history, to the power of truth-telling and hope for the future.



Title: If This Is The End
Author: Bebe Oliver
Published: 2024
Adult Non-Fiction

A fearless and honest exploration of queer First Nations identity, and a vibrant celebration of imperfection and personal growth, *If This Is the End* is a stunning exploration of what it means to work through childhood trauma and love yourself in the present



Title: Auntie Rita
Author: Rita Huggins, Jackie Huggins
Published: 2023
Adult Non-Fiction

Rita Huggins was born on Bidjara/Bidyara country at Carnarvon Gorge in central Queensland. As a child in the 1920s, she met white men for the first time: troopers who forced her family into cattle tracks and drove them south to Barambah, later Cherbourg Aboriginal Reserve. There were some happy times, but the only way out of Cherbourg for First Nations people was work. Rita worked as a housekeeper all over Queensland before meeting and marrying Jack Huggins



Title: Warra Wai
Author: Craig Cormick, Darren Rix
Published: 2024
Adult Non-Fiction

Both 250 years late and extremely timely, this is an account of what First Nations people saw and felt when James Cook navigated their shores in 1770.

We know the European story from diaries, journals and letters. For the first time, this is the other side. .



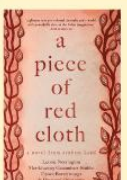
Title: The Belburd
Author: Nardi Simpson
Published: 2024
Adult Fiction

Ginny Dilboong is a young poet, fierce and deadly. She's making sense of the world and her place in it, grappling with love, family and the spaces in which to create her art. Like powerful women before her, Ginny hugs the edges of waterways, and though she is a daughter of Country, the place that shapes her is not hers. Determined and brave, Ginny seeks to protect the truth of others while learning her own. The question is how?



Title: The Winds of Waa
Author: Tasma Walton, Samantha Campbell
Published: 2024
Junior Fiction

Nerra, you are the next Deep Time Traveller, as your great-grandmother was before you. After discovering that she has the power to travel into the Dreaming, Nerra is curious when her great-grandmother's box of artefacts opens for a second time. Inside, a feathered headband beckons Nerra. As she tries it on, she is whisked into the Dreaming to help the Creation Beings fight against the evil Devour.



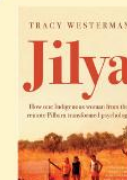
Title: A Piece Of Red Cloth
Author: Leonie Norrington, Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr-Stubbs, Djawundil Maymuru, Djawa Burarrwanga
Published: 2025
Adult Fiction

A powerful, unique novel based on the oral history of the Yolngu people from north-east Arnhem Land that tells the story of a grandmother who stops at nothing to protect her granddaughter.



Title: When The World Was Soft
Author: Juluwarlu Group, Aboriginal Corporation, Alex Mankiewicz (Illustrator)
Published: 2024
Graphic Novel

A ground-breaking graphic novel sharing the stories of Yindjibarndi Creation-times in an immediate and engaging way for a contemporary audience.



Title: Jilya
Author: Tracy Westerman
Published: 2024
Adult Non-Fiction

A powerful memoir that explores how one Indigenous woman from the Pilbara transformed psychology. From humble beginnings in the remote Pilbara, psychologist and Nyamal woman Tracy Westerman has redefined what's possible at every turn. Despite neither of her parents progressing past primary school, and never having met a psychologist before attending university, Tracy went on to become the first Aboriginal person in Australia to complete a PhD in Clinical Psychology.